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Ms Pam Allan
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Tasmanian Planning Commission
Via email: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Allan

Kangaroo Bay Hotel Major Project Draft assessment criteria representation

Thank you for your letter of 20 January 2025 referring the draft assessment criteria for the Kangaroo Bay Hotel Major Project to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) under section 60ZL(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA).

In your correspondence you seek NRE Tas's input in the following capacities as:

- An owner of land adjacent to the Major Project area; and
- A relevant State Service Agency which may have an interest in a matter to which the Major Project relates.

In accordance with section 60ZL(1) of LUPAA, NRE Tas provides the following advice to the Panel in accordance with both these capacities.

Section 3.3 Water quality and flow

The proposed hotel construction is not likely to result in direct impacts to threatened species within the project site. However, there is a risk of indirect impacts from runoff of sediment and pollutant materials to the adjacent waterway of Kangaroo Bay.

NRE Tas notes that there are records of the spotted handfish (*Brachionichthys hirsutus*), listed as endangered under the Tasmanian *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* (TSPA) and Critically Endangered under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBCA), in Kangaroo Bay within 500 m of the project site.

Accordingly, NRE Tas supports the inclusion of management measures within Section 3.3 of the assessment criteria to detail how the hotel construction will be managed to ensure that water quality for threatened aquatic species is not degraded due to runoff from the project site.

Thank you again for your letter seeking NRE Tas's input. Should the Panel have any further questions on this matter please contact NRE Tas's Sonia Mellor, Senior Adviser – Policy and Planning, Strategy and Business Services Division. Ms Mellor can be contacted via mobile on 0436 636 279 or via email at sonia.mellor@nre.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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